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SUBJECT: OPRED - JUSTICE PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED INS  
STAFFING IN HONG KONG

1. IN ITS LETTER OF JUNE 10, THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE HAS REQUESTED AN INCREASE OF 1 US AND 1 FOREIGN NATIONAL FOR THE HONG KONG OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION (INS). EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE: THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE REQUIRES A CEILING INCREASE IN HONG KONG TO ACCOMMODATE ONE GS 13 IMMIGRATION OFFICER POSITION AND ONE FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL INVESTIGATOR. THE SERVICE'S HONG KONG OFFICE INFORMS ME THAT A SIGNIFICANT RISE IN THEIR WORK-LOAD IS POSING A SERIOUS PROBLEM TO THE EXECUTION OF THAT OFFICE'S MANDATE. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS GREATLY AFFECTED BY THIS IN THAT STATE IS UNABLE TO PROCESS A NUMBER OF VISAS DUE TO THE SERVICE'S LACK OF PERSONNEL TO PERFORM NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AND OTHER RELATED PROCEDURES. IN ADDITION, A LARGE BACKLOG OF SOPHISTICATED VISA FRAUD CASES HAS ACCUMULATED AS A RESULT OF THE ACUTE PERSONNEL SHORTAGE. HONG KONG, AS YOU KNOW, IS THE ORIGIN OF THE THOUSANDS OF CREWMEN WHO ILLEGALLY ENTER THE U.S. BY DESERTING THEIR VESSELS; ADEQUATE STAFFING AT THIS FIELD  
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LOCATION TO DETECT FRAUD APPLICANTS AND SHIP-JUMPING CON-

SPIRACIES IS ESSENTIAL AND WILL INCREASE THE SERVICE'S

PRE-SCREENING AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS RESULTING IN A SUB-  
STANTIAL COST SAVING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE

2. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER ON  
THIS PROPOSAL INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUP-  
PORT CAPABILITIES OF POST. KISSINGER

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